

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 4, 1999

Present: Weaver, Bendall, Dumond, Ockerman, Reid.

Absent: Bayless.

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Al Fowler; Judy Horton; Michael Moore; Dave Wenzlick; Larry Runyan; Mark Agnew, Agnew Graphics; Bill Constine, The Independent; Sue Huff, Corunna Public Library; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Weaver at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to approve the December 21, 1998 Regular Council Minutes as printed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Dumond, Ockerman, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as printed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Reid, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Al Fowler, 760 N. Shiawassee St., thanked everyone for their help with the snow pile at his driveway. He stated the ambulance service is a non-profit and tax-free organization and asked why the city allows Lansing-Mason to operate there making a profit. Mayor Weaver stated the city would check into the situation and asked Mr. Fowler if he discussed the situation with the ambulance board. Mr. Fowler advised he has tried to contact Ross Stanley and has been unable to reach him. Ms. Hitchcock asked Mr. Fowler if he would like Mr. Stanley to contact him. Mr. Fowler advised Mr. Stanley could contact him if he wanted to and Mr. Fowler gave Ms. Hitchcock his telephone number. Larry Runyan stated the agreement with Lansing-Mason is only for one-year, and he assumed that records are being kept so a decision could be made at the end of this year whether to renew the agreement.

Dave Wenzlick asked who was supposed to maintain the parking lot behind his business. Ms. Hitchcock advised the Downtown Development Authority and suggested to Mr. Wenzlick that he contact Bill Graham.

LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT: Sue Huff briefly reviewed the annual report. She advised council that the library has completed the automation system by bar-coding all of the materials. She further advised that Internet access is available for patrons at two workstations and security software has been installed on the computers. She also advised that story hours were held in the spring and fall. The story hours were held when the library was closed and was limited to only eighteen children because of space. Ms. Huff stated the Friends of the Library have purchased videos, made shelves, held book sales, shared book experiences, and sponsored bedtime story hours. She further advised the Friends of the Library are sponsoring a chili supper at Ruthann's Kitchen on Saturday. Ms. Huff informed council the library is a member of the Eastern Michigan Library Cooperative, which helps with grants and putting on programs, etcetera, and the Shiawassee Library Association. Mayor Weaver thanked Ms. Huff for her report. Councilperson Ockerman asked if there are kids on the computers all of the time and if the access time was limited. Ms. Huff advised yes, but the children are not always on the Internet. There are games and other educational programs on the computer. She further advised the children are limited to thirty minutes. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the kids could access anything. Ms. Huff advised yes, but they are aware that they are not to access certain areas.

APPROVAL OF NEW CITY LOGO: Ms. Hitchcock presented the new city logo. She advised council that Mark Agnew from Agnew Graphics designed the new logo. She further advised a lot of time was spent on the logo design, and the logo was something that would be very beneficial to the City of Corunna now and in the future. Reid moved, Ockerman seconded to approve and to accept the new city logo.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Ockerman, Bendall, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Councilperson Dumond asked how the logo would be placed on the city vehicles. Ms. Hitchcock advised the city was looking at two different options – vinyl and screen-printing; but with the screen-printing, you have to buy in lots of fifty. Mark Agnew stated the logo project was exciting to work on and thanked council for their approval.

PRE-COUNCIL: Ms. Hitchcock brought council up-to-date on the snow removal in the city. She advised council that a water main broke Sunday night, which left only one employee plowing the streets during the day on Monday.

Councilperson Ockerman asked if the citizen in-put had ever been scheduled after the agenda items were completed. Mayor Weaver advised not normally. Councilperson Dumond stated if something was brought up that was not on the agenda you could not do anything about it anyway. Councilperson Ockerman stated the citizens have in-put rights

and sometimes they have questions that should not be discussed during the regular council session. Ms. Hitchcock stated if the citizen in-put is later in the agenda it would give people a chance to comment about what council has said. She further stated discussion during a meeting should only be between council unless there is a public hearing. Councilperson Dumond stated he did not have a problem with adding a Call to the Audience after the last item on the agenda. Mayor Weaver stated in most cases the agenda has moved along relatively well but council has been lax about allowing citizens to speak during key topics. He further stated the agenda could be modified if council wants to change it. Councilperson Ockerman stated citizens might have questions after the session that they did not have prior to the session. Mayor Weaver stated that once council has acted on an item, it would be kind of late for the citizens to comment. He suggested that council think about modifying the agenda format with a decision to be made at the next meeting.

Councilperson Ockerman asked if council should announce to the public what is done during pre-council. Councilperson Dumond stated the agenda states pre-council is at 6:45 p.m., and the agenda is faxed to the newspaper.

COMMENTS: Councilperson Dumond advised he responded to Mr. Hoddy's letter regarding becoming a Team 21 member.

Councilperson Reid advised the Fire Board had a special meeting to approve the new fire truck purchase.

Ms. Hitchcock advised the city has received the Michigan Employee Retirement System Actuarial Report. She further advised the city planned to start clearing the sidewalks on Tuesday. Councilperson Ockerman asked how soon an advertisement would be placed for the Director of Public Works position. Ms. Hitchcock advised she planned to contact the Michigan Municipal League on Tuesday regarding the Director of Public Works position. Councilperson Ockerman asked if anyone within the city was being considered. Ms. Hitchcock advised she did not know who was interested but everyone will be considered.

Mayor Weaver advised he received a Year 2000 Tool Kit for Michigan Local Governments and School Districts in his council information, which included guidelines on making sure everything is up-to-date for the Y2K challenge that everyone is facing. He further advised Ms. Long has assured him that the city is addressing the issue.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. and was agreed by all. The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19 due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 18.

AVERY WEAVER, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK